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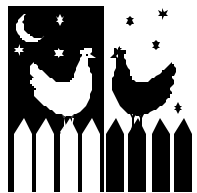
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were trending unchanged for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was moderate at best with most interest focused on features and more traditional holiday food items. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food. Supplies of smaller sizes were balanced to well cleared, heavier sizes at least sufficient. Processing schedules for next week are mixed with some plants down Monday in observance of Memorial Day plus Saturday kill noted. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair and at times limited to regular commitments. Supplies were more than sufficient for needs, often ample and discounted on wings. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/28-06/02/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
(Including branded product)			WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-55.00	50.00-65.75	53.28	23
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	52.00-54.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.50-64.00	51.00-66.00	63.39	80

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
650	59.60-65.05	63.16
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	206.50	1,053
BREASTS - B/S	147.00	3,366
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00	1,057
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50	630
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	7,143
WINGS	99.50	2,321

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Additional product offerings were irregular, but sufficient for the limited trade needs. Demand into retail accounts was as expected, mostly fair while food service movement was in a full range, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were well cleared to fully adequate with weights generally desirable. Trading on parts items remained light and cautious with discounts noted on wings and boneless/skinless breasts. Supplies were balanced on whole breasts, fully adequate on the balance. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and boneless/skinless breasts, and about steady on the balance.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally slow to fair which is not uncommon since interest is directed more towards beef items; however, recent rain and cooler temperatures may also affect holiday movement. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. Processing schedules for next week are mixed with some plants running tomorrow or next Saturday to compensate for Monday's down time. In the parts structure, trading was light with limited purchasing. Availability was at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady with trading reported for next week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings adequate overall. Demand by stores and fast food restaurants good to cover the Memorial day holiday weekend, dine-in restaurants fair. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 39-99, boneless breasts 177-199, boneless leg meat 129-139, split breasts 98-169, whole legs 77, leg quarters 79 and 10# bag 470-590, thighs 77-169, drumsticks 77-169, IQF 5# party wings 699, Northern California - whole body 109-139, cornish hens 199, drumsticks 99-149, thighs 99, boneless breasts 199, split breasts 139-179, whole legs 99, IQF 4# party wings 549, Denver - boneless breasts or breasts tenders 299, IQF 4# party wings 396, split breasts 149, leg quarters 38, Arizona - whole cut-up 99, boneless breasts 199-239, split breasts 99, leg quarters 10# bag 360, boneless thighs 269, IQF 4# boneless thighs 499.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of the 3-pound and smaller birds were closely balanced, and well cleared but 3.5 pound and heavier sizes were available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was generally fair to moderate with seasonal interest noted on 3-pound birds. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient, with legs in the best balance. Wings were fully adequate to ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate entering the holiday lengthened weekend. Activity centered mainly around adjusting delivery schedules as various operations will close on Memorial Day and some plan to process on Saturday. Offerings were adequate to well cleared and in the closer balance on the 3 pound and lighter weights. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Legs cleared well. Other cuts were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	50-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.67
NO. OF BOXES	13,370
CUMULATIVE	
	05/21/01-05/25/01 57.31
	05/22/00-05/26/00 59.33
NO. OF BOXES	05/21/01-05/25/01 69,562
	05/22/00-05/26/00 48,744

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

MAY 24

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 25

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	938	130.00-220.00	140-150	148.24	937	128.00-220.00	140-150	147.55	4,398	147.77	
TENDERLOINS	147	145.00-235.00	145-150	161.06	166	140.00-235.00	140-145	152.20	934	156.49	
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	74.00-84.00	-	82.55	143	74.00-84.00	79-82	81.68	514	80.90	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				329	79.96	
LEGS	126	40.00-49.00	40-42	41.06	121	40.50-49.00	41-42	41.36	585	41.55	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	284	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.37	776	25.00-28.00	26-27	27.23	2,260	26.55	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,755	27.00-30.00	29-30	29.13	1,100	27.00-30.00	28-30	28.91	7,365	28.97	
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	88.00-100.00	95-98	98.60	335	85.00-100.50	97-99	97.42	941	97.60	
WINGS (CUT)	575	100.00-115.00	109-110	111.57	601	98.00-115.00	109-112	111.86	3,130	112.46	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR		
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				40	93.00-97.00	-	96.00	206	95.94	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR MAY 24, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR MAY 25, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**TODAY'S****5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

49.00 - 56.50

52.69

48.50 - 55.50

54.59

53.39

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying was about fair as most dealers noted sufficient floorstocks approaching the holiday weekend, subsequently, most purchasing centered around normal commitments. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were adequate to available, and bone-in breasts were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient, with some locations noting an increase in availability of leg quarters. Wings were fully adequate to ample. Movement into retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate. The market tone was steady on bone-in breasts, no better than steady to barely steady on boneless-skinless breasts and leg quarters. Drumsticks and legs were in close balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 24				MAY 25				WEEKLY	
CURRENT NEG				CURRENT NEG				WTD AVG	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	149.74	710,400	BREAST - B/S	145-150	149.21	690,210	148.75	3,385,800
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.58	120,940	TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.95	162,126	143.58	665,115
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	84.12	290,200	BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.74	330,560	82.21	1,648,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	78.88	152,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	74	78.48	189,000	78.58	980,600
LEGS	40-41	45.49	203,840	LEGS	41-42	44.92	289,000	44.94	1,237,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.23	726,722	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.85	659,892	30.10	3,377,908
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	43.85	185,260	DRUMSTICKS	36-37	44.92	163,720	43.98	832,610
THIGHS	37-38	43.01	149,170	THIGHS	36-37	44.60	152,100	42.10	763,580
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.58	61,280	B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.28	79,000	91.56	353,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	94.51	538,760	WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	102.02	343,080	98.93	2,060,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	90,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	113,160	11.92	512,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	37.22	79,720	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.67	100,520	39.07	403,190
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.62	122,480	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.83	142,280	44.71	607,320

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,****DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		ACTUAL		AVG	
	05/25	05/24	05/23	05/22	05/23	05/22	05/18	05/17	05/18	05/17
ALA	3,871	3,880	3,928	3,901	5.13	5.08	4,494	5.15		
ARK	5,840	5,261	5,060	5,171	4.96	5.07	5,977	4.99		
DELMARVA	2,619	2,368	2,347	2,423	5.08	5.05	2,568	5.12		
KY-LA-TN	2,664	2,023	1,687	1,987	4.62	4.64	1,951	4.40		
MISS	3,041	2,882	2,956	2,838	5.02	5.18	2,875	5.19		
NC	3,412	2,628	2,609	2,602	5.93	5.96	3,134	6.01		
TEXAS	2,453	2,338	2,362	2,310	4.80	4.83	2,788	4.86		
TOTAL	23,900	21,380	20,949	21,232	5.09	5.13	23,787	5.12		
MON-FRI	109,767 (A)				108,163 (A)					

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-May 01 and 26-May-01 is estimated to be 35,757,000 up 14.71 percent from a week ago and up 5.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,931,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-May-01 is estimated to be 158,523,000 head down 1.2 percent from a week ago, and unchanged percent from a year ago (Last week 160,375,000 Last year 158,730,000)

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP		71-90
HENS UNDER 5#		
HENS OVER 5#		
DUCKS		139
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102
	ICE PACK	94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-121
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	96
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending May 12, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning

Food service

4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	36,171	22,826	50,244
Avg Weight	3.82	4.75	6.11
% of total /1	33%	21%	46%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	32,091	25,699	58,496
Avg Weight	3.76	4.76	6.03
% of total /1	28%	22%	50%
Same week, yr ago /2	34,657	35,593	42,926
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.08
% of total /1	31%	31%	38%
To date/2001	619,903	488,894	861,619
To date/2000	629,216	607,738	775,881

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 19-May-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	160,375 (A)	1,602	1,460	3,062	487
AVG WT	5.16	3.39	8.04	5.61	6.36
LAST WEEK	157,969	1,575	1,465	3,040	538
SAME WK YR AGO	158,827	1,873	1,584	3,457	436
AVG WT	5.08	3.50	8.24	5.67	6.28
TO-DATE/2001	3,026,130	36,436	26,736	63,172	10,039
TO-DATE/2000	3,077,742	40,647	27,531	68,178	8,984

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.3 million head or 4.4 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 22, 2001

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.34 - 1.42	Silkie 4.00 - 5.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30 - 1.40	Geese 9-14 .30 - .42
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .84	Pigeons 2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.50 - .72	White Pigeons 3.50 - 4.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.70 - .98	Rabbits 4-6 1.30 - 1.68
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.70 - 1.04	Rabbits 7-11 1.10 - 1.38
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - 1.20	Bunnies .50 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - 1.28	Guinea Pigs .10 - 2.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.30 - 1.85	Kid Goats 30.00 - 46.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.50 - 7.00ea	Doves 5.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 4.50ea	Chukars 3.75 - 4.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.06 - .20	Pullets 4-6 .56 - .78
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .54	

Total Coops Sold 784

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 21-MAY-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-85 64-71

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 21-MAY-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL	14 145.8	151.5	96	4.96
	21 153.1	153.5	100	5.11
	28 158.8	156.2	102	5.00
MAY	5 158.9	158.5	100	5.02
	12 159.9	159.1	101	5.20
	19 162.3	157.9	103	5.16
YEAR TO DATE	3062.9	3038.7	101	
MAY	26	157.4		
JUNE	2	156.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	05/26/01	05/19/01	% CHG	05/27/00	% CHG
Broilers	158,523	160,375	-01%	158,730	0%
Cattle	743	731	+02%	727	+02%
Hogs	1,762	1,744	+01%	1,776	-01%
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular but generally ranged unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand was light to moderate. The undertone was cautious and usually no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-26 MAJORITY 24-25	32-38 MAJORITY 32-37

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-28.5 MAJORITY 24.25-25	32-40 MAJORITY 33-38

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for ample to burdensome offerings. Processing schedules for next week were less than normal to normal due in part to the holiday. Cannery movement was fair with offerings adequate for full needs. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow to fair. Schedules were short of capacity. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the at least ample offerings of spent fowl. Many producers were using alternative forms of disposal at this time. Schedules reduced for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as about normal to normal. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were adequate for a fair finished demand. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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